



The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. Applicant submits that the subject matter of claims 1-14 and claims 15-16 can logically and reasonably be examined together.

In order to be responsive, notwithstanding the above traversal, applicant elects claim group I, that is, claims 1-14 to be examined first in the instant application.

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